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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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SUBJECT: PROTECTION AND WELFARE: DETENTION OF AMERICAN  
CITIZEN DONALD L. MILAM

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 718, 733, 821 AND 836 (NOTALS)

1. WHEN CONSUL GENERAL CALLED ON APOSTOLIC DELEGATE AUGUST 12,  
HE WAS TOLD THAT LATTER HAD VISITED RECENTLY IMPRISONED LOCAL  
PRIEST WHO WAS IN SAME CELL AS MILAM. (HE SPOKE WITH MILAM  
WHO SAID HE WAS O.K.)

2. APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TOLD CONGEN HE FELT THERE WERE ONLY TWO  
OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE PRIEST: (A) BE FREED AND EXPELLED  
OR (B) BE TRIED BY A "PEOPLE'S COURT". APOSTOLIC DELEGATE ADDED  
FORMER JUDICIAL SYSTEM NOW TOTALLY ABORISHED. (SEE DURBAN  
A-48 (NOTAL).

3. IN VIEW NEW "PEOPLE'S COURT" ASPECT AND FACT MILAM FAMILY  
NOW PREPARING TO LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE SHORTLY, RECOMMEND TEXT OF  
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LETTER TO CHISSANO INCLUDED IN LOURENCO MARQUES 836 BE CHANGED

TO DELETE REFERENCES TO A TRIAL AND BE CHANGED TO READ AS  
DOLLOWS: QUOTE THIS IS TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THE FACT THAT AN  
AMERICAN CITIZEN, DONALD L. MILAM, IS BEING HELD WITHOUT  
KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM. MR. MILAM WAS  
DETAINED ON JULY 3, 1975 AND HAS BEEN IN THE CADEIA CIVIL  
OF LOURENCO MARQUES SINCE THAT DATE. MR. MILAM'S WIFE AND  
FRIENDS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN THE REASON FOR HIS DETENTION.  
MRS. MILAM AND HER FAMILY ARE NOW PREPARING TO LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE,  
HOPING THAT MR. MILAM MAY SOON JOIN THEM. PARA. THE UNITED  
STATES GOVERNMENT ALWAYS ATTEMPTS TO INSURE THAT ITS DETAINED  
CITIZENS RECEIVE FAIR TREATMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE  
LAWS OF THE HOST COUNTRY, OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE,  
AND OF HUMAN RIGHTS. PARA. I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY  
GOVERNMENT TO INFORM YOU THAT IT IS CONCERNED THAT MR. MILAM  
IS BEING HELD AND HOPES HIS CASE MAY RECEIVE ATTENTION WITHOUT  
DELAY. END QUOTE. SIGNED PETER C. WALKER.  
WALKER

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